

II. REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 62-97 are pending in the application. Claims 62, 81, and 89 are independent.

Claims 65-80 and 89-97 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons discussed on page 2 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection on the ground that the person of ordinary skill in the art would not be confused as to the meaning or scope of the claims. Nevertheless, these claims have been amended for clarity with respect to the specification and Drawings, and not in response to any statutory requirement.

Claims 62-97 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-26 of U.S. Patent No. 6,717,118, for the reasons discussed on page 2 of the Office Action. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection on the ground that the claims of the subject application are patentably distinct from those of the '118 patent. However, solely in order to rapidly advance this case to issue, a Terminal Disclaimer with respect to the '118 patent is attached herewith..

In view of the above, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 625-3507. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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